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TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS OF THE TREASURER, TRUSTEES OF THE
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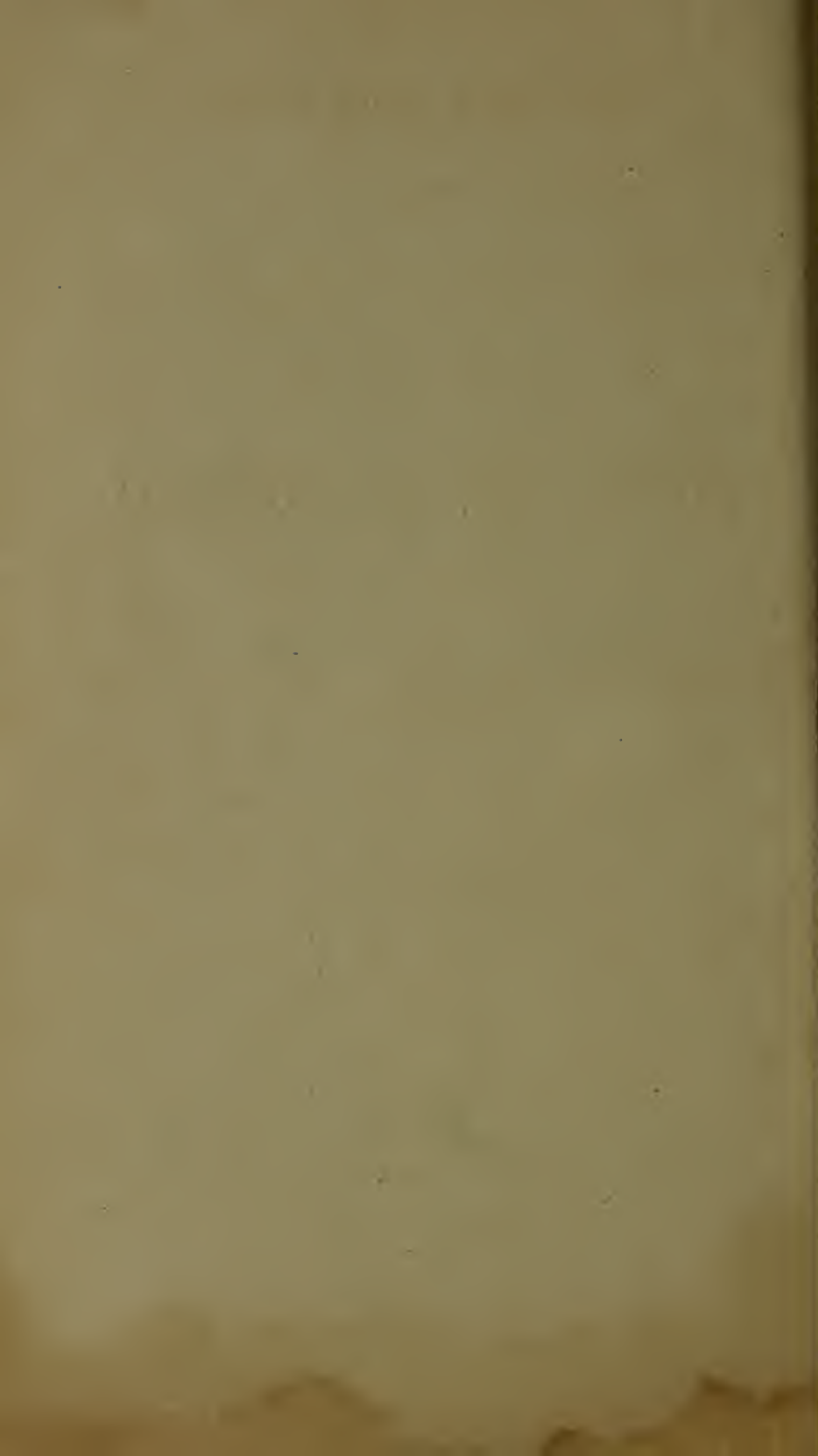


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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1871.



Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

J. WHITE BELCHER, HORATIO B. ALDEN, JOHN UNDERHAY.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

NATHANIEL HOWARD,	TERM EXPIRES MARCH 1, 1872.
JACOB WHITCOMB,	“ “ “ “ “
SOLOMON L. WHITE,	“ “ “ “ 1874.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

JOHN F. PORTER,	TERM EXPIRES MARCH 1, 1872.
SIDNEY FRENCH,	“ “ “ “ 1873.
E. A. ALLEN,	“ “ “ “ 1874.

Auditors.

ROYAL W. TURNER, RICHARD STEVENS, ELISHA MANN, JR.

Constables.

WILLIAM H. WARREN,	EDWARD BELCHER,	FREEMAN BARD,
CHARLES MCCARTY,	J. RILEY THAYER.	

Fence Viewers.

IRA W. LEWIS, EPHRAIM MANN, JONATHAN S. BELCHER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

WILLIAM H. WARREN, JR.

Surveyors of Highways.

EDSON M. ROEL,	JEDEDIAH FRENCH,	JOSIAH CLARK,
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG,	LEWIS J. HOLLIS,	CALVIN FRENCH,
RUFUS JONES,	CHARLES W. PAINE.	

Engineers of the Fire Department.

WILLIAM H. WARREN,	Chief Engineer,
EDWARD E. LOTHROP,	Clerk,
CHARLES MCCARTY, LEVI WILBUR, EDWARD BELCHER, JOSEPH BELCHER.	

Superintendent of Almshouse.

MACE GAY.

Collector of Taxes.

EDSON M. ROEL.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Randolph herewith present their Annual Report, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the financial year ending March 1st, 1872.

APPROPRIATIONS BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

For Schools (including \$300, for Stetson High School), Repairs on School-houses and Incidental Expenses for Schools,	\$12,500 00
“ Repairs on Highways,	3,000 00
“ General Town Expenses,	17,000 00
“ Payment on Town Debt,	5,000 00
“ Pay of Engine Men and Repairs on Engines,	3,500 00
“ New Roads,	6,500 00
“ Sidewalks,	250 00
“ State Tax,	7,900 00
“ County Tax,	3,482 54
Total,	<hr/> \$59,132 54

TAXABLE VALUATION, MAY 1, 1871.

Personal Estate,	\$500,950 00
Real Estate,	1,485,020 00
Total,	<hr/> \$1,985,970 00
Rate of assessment, \$20.00 on \$1,000.	

The Selectmen have drawn orders on the Treasurer amount-
ing to \$43,774,01

On account of Schools (teaching, fuel, and care of rooms),	\$10,416 31
“ Stetson High School,	300 00
“ Repairs and Incidental Expenses,	2,560 78
“ Repairs of Highways and New Roads,	7,705 32
“ Poor in Almshouse,	3,062 01
“ Poor out of Almshouse,	1,791 65
“ Poor of other Towns,	281 25
“ State Paupers,	205 85
“ State Reform School,	5 85
“ Funeral Expenses,	300 50
“ State Aid,	5,297 70
“ Fire Department,	2,701 87
“ Abatement on Taxes,	658 06
“ Division of the Town,	4,590 17
“ Town Officers,	1,892 51
“ Miscellaneous Expenses,	2,004 18
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	\$43,774 01

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

By direction of the School Committee, for the year ending
March 1, 1872.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Mr. Thomas H. West,	one year,	\$900 00
“ James N. Parker,	38 weeks,	800 00
“ William H. Crocker,	30 “	731 25
“ M. R. Chase,	21 “	620 00
“ George F. Chase,	15 “	375 00
“ Charles E. Fish,	38 “	495 25
“ George L. Faxon,	1½ “	40 00
Miss Sarah E. Shankland,	one year,	402 63

Paid Miss Ida G. Decker,	38 weeks,	304 00
“ Ella D. Packard,	13 “	104 00
“ Annie Stevens,	13 “	97 50
“ Hannah F. Thayer,	38 “	325 00
“ Margaret W. Boyd,	36 “	180 00
“ Lizzie J. French,	36 “	180 00
“ Nellie F. Thayer,	36 “	197 00
“ Annie Veazie,	36 “	232 50
“ E. O. Warner,	38 “	342 00
“ Alice A. Smith,	36 “	216 00
“ M. L. Prescott,	26 “	182 00
“ S. V. Wilde,	38 “	266 00
“ J. L. White,	10 “	40 00
“ Celia J. White,	37 “	271 50
“ Cora I. Young,	16 “	128 00
“ Mary H. French,	36 “	324 00
“ A. G. Brown,	13 “	104 00
“ Mary J. Austin,	36 $\frac{1}{5}$ “	228 20
“ Antoinette T. Smith,	23 “	115 00
“ Lucy D. Morton,	25 “	187 00
“ Ella E. Morton,	25 “	187 00
“ Kate E. Ryan,	23 “	149 50
“ Nettie Snell,	21 “	168 00
“ M. C. Crocker,	2 “	16 00
“ Lucretia F. Wyer,	10 “	70 00
“ M. A. Batchelder,	9 “	90 00
“ Ida N. Noyes,	10 “	80 00

\$9,148 33

Paid appropriation for Stetson High School, \$300 00

FUEL.

Paid A. G. Swain,	for wood,	\$60 00
“ R. W. Turner & Co,	“ coal,	516 33
“ Alpheus Hunt,	“ cutting wood,	2 50

Paid Jonathan S. Belcher, for wood,	\$21 00
“ Lucius T. Packard, “ cutting wood,	17 90
“ Lawrence O’Neil, “ “ “	1 10
“ A. C. Kimball, “ “ “	2 75
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	\$621 58

CARE OF SCHOOL ROOMS.

Paid Charles Bump,	\$15 00
“ Ida G. Decker,	12 70
“ Minot L. Beal,	25 87
“ E. O. Warner,	22 15
“ Lawrence Ormsby,	139 30
“ Mary Riley,	230 20
“ Celia J. White,	9 25
“ Henry S. Smith,	6 75
“ Ebenezer Austin,	20 00
“ Mary H. French,	15 50
“ H. W. Paine,	68 75
“ A. G. Brown,	5 00
“ Mary J. Austin,	10 50
“ Cora I. Young,	4 06
“ Charles E. Fish,	1 50
“ John F. Holbrook,	5 00
“ Ira Kingsley,	16 50
“ Sundry persons,	38 37
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	\$646 40

FURNITURE AND REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES, AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Winslow Alden, labor and material,	\$155 35
“ N. Noyes, jr., “ “	50 49
“ Linus Belcher, “ “	13 50
“ Edward A. Perry, “ “	43 52
“ J. D. F. Lyons, “ “	25 75

Paid John B. Thayer, labor and material,	163 75
“ M. M. Alden, “ “	374 23
“ Richard Adams, “ “	8 00
“ Baker & Thayer, “ “	179 25
“ Ralph Houghton, “ “	25 20
“ John Dillon, “ “	9 00
“ Thomas D. Morris, paint and oil,	122 64
“ Howe & French, “ “	71 00
“ G. T. Jones, “ “	4 77
“ George C. Platts, painting,	122 20
“ H. R. Mockler, “	45 70
“ American Tablet Co., slate surface,	206 70
“ Marston & Chandler, use of organ three months,	10 00
“ John V. Beal, books, labor, and cash paid,	20 88
“ W. G. Shattuck, desks, ink, chairs, etc.,	591 55
“ Franklin Porter, books for teachers, desks, etc.,	33 95
“ J. D. Hammett, crayons,	16 00
“ Daniel Cummings, brooms and dusters,	6 25
“ J. J. Walworth & Co., hooks, screws, etc.,	11 61
“ William H. Crocker, maps, etc.,	13 25
“ Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, maps,	3 60
“ G. Joselyn, globe, etc.,	5 50
“ J. T. Southworth, brooms, etc.,	6 52
“ Jacob Whitcomb, posts, and bills paid for books,	16 25
“ N. Howard, bills paid,	15 50
“ Maynard & Noyes, ink,	4 30
“ Bill, Nichols & Co., 2 doz. Manual of Commerce,	18 00
“ Solomon L. White, for bills paid,	5 60
“ Peter A. Wales, repairing pumps,	15 75
“ Jacob N. Foster, labor, setting posts,	3 50
“ Edward McCarty, use of well,	3 00
“ Patrick Feeney, “ two years,	6 00
“ George W. Jones, “ “	6 00
“ Bogman & Vinal, hooks,	5 42
“ R. Hammond, expenses for examination for High School,	3 50

Paid Estabrooks' express,	\$4 40
“ Gove's “	46 80
“ Abbott's “	1 75
“ Chandler & Gleason's express,	12 55
“ J. E. Nash, clock,	2 50
“ Thomas West, labor and material,	6 00
“ E. Marchant, printing,	3 75
“ Sundry bills for labor, and supplies,	28 60
“ Royal W. Turner & Co., brooms, pails, etc.,	11 45
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	\$2,560 78

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching,	\$9,148 33
“ Appropriation for Stetson High School,	300 00
“ For fuel,	621 58
“ For care of rooms,	646 40
“ Incidental expenses,	2,560 78
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	\$13,277 09

HIGHWAYS.

DISTRICTS No. 1, 8 and 10. EDSON M. ROEL, *Surveyor*.

Paid Edson M. Roel, labor,	\$57 00
“ Ephraim Mann, labor and team,	84 00
“ Mace Gay, “ “	66 00
“ Charles H. Mann, “ “	66 00
“ Seth Mann, “ “	66 00
“ Royal T. Mann, “ “	9 00
“ Richard Adams, “ “	2 00
“ Ephraim Wales, “ “	1 50
“ Jedediah French, labor,	37 50
“ John Desmond, “	36 00

Paid John Gill,	labor,	\$34 87
“ Dennis Sullivan,	“	34 87
“ Leonard Thayer,	“	34 87
“ Lewis Jones,	“	33 75
“ Noah Chessman,	“	31 50
“ Jeremiah McCarty,	“	23 62
“ Timothy Keirnan,	“	12 82
“ Patrick Feeney,	“	10 12
“ William Cunningham,	“	9 00
“ Michael Hurley and boy,	“	7 50
“ B. O. Sullivan,	“	2 25
“ John McGarigle,	“	2 50
“ Charles McGarigle,	“	2 50
“ John McGarigle, jr.,		2 50
“ Edson M. Roel and others, picking stones various times,		217 90
“ Willian Campbell, repairing tools,		2 75
“ B. L. Wales, for 206 loads gravel,		10 30
“ Patrick Clark, “ 176 “		8 80
“ Belcher & Prescott, “ 164 “		8 20
“ Town Farm, “ 206 “		10 30
“ Ephraim Mann, “ 38 “		1 90
“ Josiah Clark, “ 198 “		9 90
“ George Fowkes, “ 468 “		23 40
“ Royal W. Turner, “ 20 “		1 00
“ Richard Adams, “ 296 “		14 80
“ Michael McAuliffe, “ 182 “		9 00
“ Dennis Sullivan, “ 172 “		8 60
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DISTRICT NO. 2. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, *Surveyor*.

Paid William Armstrong, labor,	\$44 50
“ Lewis S. Belcher, labor and team,	27 00
“ Hiram Belcher, “ “	46 00
“ John A. Blood, “ “	38 00

Paid E. W. Porter,	labor and team,	5 00
“ Simeon White,	“ “	12 00
“ Levi Greenwood,	“ “	4 50
“ Jacob Buker,	labor,	25 93
“ Phineas Davis,	“	15 25
“ George Belcher,	“	24 75
“ George Wild,	“	5 00
“ C. F. Armstrong,	“	6 12
“ Joseph Davis,	“	9 50
“ Sundry persons,	“	4 12
“ Jonathan White, for 328 loads gravel,		26 24
“ Hiram Belcher, “ 50	“	3 00
“ Lewis S. Belcher, “ 125	“	10 00
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		\$306 91

DISTRICT NO. 3. JOSIAH CLARK, *Surveyor*.

Paid Josiah Clark,	labor and team,	\$99 88
“ Ephraim Mann,	“ “	19 00
“ George Leahy,	labor,	6 25
“ Henry W. Thayer,		12 93
“ Adoniram A. Payne,	“	15 06
“ George Payne,	“	6 25
“ Simeon Wentworth,	“	9 00
“ Josiah Holbrook,	“	11 25
“ Manus Gallagher,	“	6 75
“ Delazon D. Mann,	“	19 46
“ T. B. Howard,	“	2 25
“ Sundry persons,	“	5 83
“ Josiah Clark, for 288 loads gravel,		43 20
“ Spear & Binney, “ 31	“	3 10
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		\$260 21

DISTRICT NO. 4. LEWIS J. HOLLIS, *Surveyor*.

Paid Lewis J. Hollis,	labor and team,	\$46 25
“ E. S. Belcher,	“ “	42 25

Paid Mason Miller, labor,	£0 50
“ A. A. Hollis, “	18 00
“ Ezra Whitecomb, “	12 37
“ A. Hollis, “	25 75
“ F. Howard, “	2 00
“ Sundry bills, “	85
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	\$177 97

DISTRICT NO. 5. JEDEDIAH FRENCH, *Surveyor*.

Paid Jedediah French, labor,	\$31 25
“ Jeremiah Bump, labor and team,	26 00
“ Mace Gay, “ “	36 00
“ A. G. Swain, “ “	6 00
“ Noah Chessman, labor,	25 87
“ Lewis Jones, “	25 87
“ Jedediah French, and others, picking stones,	12 42
“ Rufus A. Thayer, for 25 loads gravel,	2 50
“ Betsy Littlefield, “ 59 “	5 90
“ Royal S. Holbrook, “ 68 “	6 80
“ Amasa Clark, “ 49 “	4 90
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	\$183 51

DISTRICT NO. 6. RUFUS JONES, *Surveyor*.

Paid Rufus Jones, labor and team,	\$62 25
“ Joshua Spear, “ “	6 00
“ Alfred Tucker, “ “	21 00
“ Adam F. Jones, “ “	21 00
“ Elbridge Jones, labor,	23 00
“ Sullivan Jones, “	13 00
“ Emery Delano, “	8 00
“ Charles Robinson, “	12 00
“ Abram Jones, “	10 00
“ Morris Kiley, “	4 00
“ Thomas Kiley, “	4 00

Paid James Barry,	labor,	4 00
“ Sundry persons,	“	8 43
“ Joseph Jones, for 19 loads gravel,		75
“ Joseph Mann, “ 47	“	1 88
“ Emery Delano, “ 153	“	6 12
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		\$205 44

DISTRICT NO. 7. CHARLES WHITE PAINE, *Surveyor*.

Paid Charles White Paine,	labor,	\$17 00
“ John A. Blood, labor and team,		44 00
“ Hiram Belcher, “	“	35 00
“ John Freel, “	“	39 00
“ Z. P. Jordan, “	“	31 00
“ Thomas Townsend, labor,		31 10
“ Charles Dillon, “		21 00
“ Lysander Miller, “		10 50
“ Mason Miller, “		19 50
“ Lewis A. Hunt, “		10 00
“ John Little, “		5 00
“ William Hill, “		4 00
“ Jacob N. Foster “		4 00
“ Lewis F. Belcher, “		8 00
“ Michael Buckley, “		9 00
“ Sundry persons, “		6 40
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		\$295 00

DISTRICT NO. 9. CALVIN FRENCH, *Surveyor*.

Paid Calvin French, labor,		\$20 00
“ Martin Branley, labor and team,		70 75
“ C. S. Holbrook, “	“	115 00
“ Zenas French, “	“	7 50
“ Mrs. Pendergrass, horse, cart and hand,		48 00
“ Levi Greenwood, labor and team,		4 00

Paid Thomas Farnsworth, labor,	\$23 25
“ Joseph Greenwood, “	25 00
“ J. W. Martin, “	8 00
“ De Soto, “	7 00
“ Levi Benjamin, “	16 00
“ Hiram Belcher, “	9 00
“ Martin Curtis, “	2 00
“ Jacob Buker, “	2 00
“ John Kelly, horse and cart,	2 00
“ For two drain boxes,	6 00
“ For bridge stone,	6 70
“ Sundry persons, labor,	26 70
“ James Holbrook, for 130 loads gravel,	18 87
“ Zenas French, “ 195 “ “	12 50
“ Mrs. Pendergrass, “ 100 “ “	4 00
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	\$434 27

EXTRA REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid E. M. Roel and others, cutting hill on Union street,	\$246 57
“ N. F. Roel “ “ relaying bridge on Union street,	174 40
“ E. M. Roel and others, labor on bridges and widening roads,	452 00
“ P. McMahon, for stone bounds,	14 37
“ William Campbell, for guide-boards,	16 00
“ E. Beal, surveying roads and setting stone bounds,	69 00
“ Zaavan P. Jordan, fencing for roads,	6 80
“ Nicholas Garland, setting fence,	3 00
“ Samuel A. Vining, picking stones, 1870,	6 00
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	\$988 14

BUILDING NEW ROADS (including land damages).**WEST STREET.**

Paid Edson M. Roel and others, labor,	\$604 18
“ Jonathan Belcher, land damage,	400 00
“ Polly Mann, “ “	15 00
“ Thomas Mackadon, “ “	250 00
“ Thomas Hill, “ “	15 00
“ Michael Kennier, “ “	85 00
“ Thomas Kiley, “ “	25 00
“ James Pope, “ “	5 00
“ Clara P. Du Bois, “ “	5 00
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	\$1,404 18

ROAD FROM MAIN TO SOUTH STREET.

Paid Edson M. Roel and others, labor,	\$552 73
“ Samuel T. Payson, land damage,	325 00
“ Edward E. Lothrop, “ “	75 00
“ Patrick McMahon, “ “	75 00
“ County Commissioners for laying out the same,	89 00
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	\$1,116 73

ROAD FROM RANDOLPH TO WEYMOUTH.

Paid Theodore Reed,	\$1,250 00
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REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Caleb S. Holbrook,	\$29 36
“ Gilmore White and others,	7 60
“ Josiah Clark and team,	13 00

Paid Howard Dyer and others,	\$20 66
“ Caleb Tucker “ “	10 62
“ S. A. Vining “ “	2 65
“ Jedediah French and others,	4 80
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	\$88 69

***SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE
AND TOWN FARM.***

Paid Mace Gay, services as Warden one year,	\$500 00
“ Briggs & Co., groceries,	339 55
“ Thomas J. Hill, groceries,	136 73
“ Royal W. Turner & Co., groceries,	220 87
“ “ “ “ coal,	177 36
“ Josiah Clark, meat,	265 08
“ J. White Belcher, grain and meal,	363 00
“ Samuel E. Hawes & Co., clothing,	157 73
“ Jeremiah Bump, three shoats,	23 00
“ N. E. Buck, groceries,	46 09
“ A. G. Patch, seed potatoes,	17 00
“ George C. Platts, painting,	25 75
“ School Committee, for oil,	18 75
“ Thomas D. Morris, paint,	7 00
“ Baker & Thayer, labor and material,	16 68
“ Josiah F. Field, repairs,	16 48
“ P. H. Pryor, fish,	9 55
“ C. M. Holbrook, labor,	55 25
“ Sundry persons, “ and supplies,	92 78
“ Mary Mullins, assistance,	25 00
“ William Campbell, repairs, etc.,	12 80
“ N. Rosenfeld, supplies,	16 50
“ L. Hofferma, clothing,	6 75
“ Seth Mann, 2d, pasturing cows,	11 00

Paid Franklin Porter, medicine,	\$13 10
“ John B. Thayer, labor and material,	14 50
“ G. T. Jones, groceries,	11 70
“ H. H. Packard, clothing,	23 86
“ Town of Randolph, salt grass,	20 50
“ Manus Gallagher, manure,	19 75
“ Bernard McMahan, “	27 25
“ Dr. E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	156 65
“ Dr. W. M. Babbitt, “ “	86 00
“ Ralph Houghton, coffins, etc.,	26 00
“ A. C. Kimball, digging graves,	2 00
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	\$3,062 01

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By Cash, paid Treasurer for labor and produce sold,	\$746 14
Bill due for board and uncollected,	125 00
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	\$871 14

Nett Expense of supporting Poor in Almshouse,	\$2,180 87
Total Expense of supporting Poor out of Alms- house,	1,791 65
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Total Expense in and out of the Almshouse,	\$3,972 52

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

WIDOW RUTH HOBART.

Paid H. H. Packard, for supplies,	\$10 00
“ Lewis J. Hollis, “ wood,	21 75
“ Gifford & Parker, medical attendance,	22 00
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	\$53 75

ANN F. THAYER.

Paid Horatio Packard, board and clothing,	\$83 50
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EDWARD AND MARY CHESSMAN.

Paid Samuel Chessman, for board,	\$156 00
“ E. A. Allen, medical attendance,	4 00
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	\$160 00

BETSEY JONES.

Paid Remembrance Jones, for board,	\$93 75
“ R. T. and E. M. Mann, for wood,	7 50
“ Dr. E. A. Allen, for medical attendance,	72 25
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	\$173 50

STATE LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

Paid for board and clothing	Diantha Hobart,	\$266 68
“ “ “ “ “	Triphena Niles,	276 26
“ “ “ “ “	Bradford W. Belcher,	27 85
“ “ “ “ “	Richard Cary,	258 70
“ “ “ “ “	* Jane Weathee,	128 08
“ “ “ “ “	* Samuel Linfield,	80 90
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		\$1,038 47

Paid for B. W. Sylvester and family,	\$11 86
“ “ F. W. Blanchard, wood,	8 00
“ “ George F. French, family,	14 36
“ “ Catherine Curtis, supplies,	13 00
“ “ Almira Giles, coal,	10 00
“ “ Margaret Kennedy, “	10 00
“ “ Mrs. Richard Cary, “	14 00
“ “ Mrs. Philip Kenney, coal,	10 00
“ “ Mrs. Michael Murphy, “	10 00
“ “ Mrs. McDonald, “	10 00

* Refunded.

Paid for Jonathan Thayer (E. R.), medical attendance,	\$16 50
“ “ Charles A. Jones, board,	13 71
“ “ Samuel W. Hobart, “	8 15
“ “ Ann Sloan, supplies,	7 50
“ “ Scannell family (Stoughton),	8 00
“ “ coffin Mrs. Elias Miller,	16 00
“ “ “ William Stetson,	16 00
“ “ relief of sundry persons (partly refunded),	70 00
“ Dr. S. S. Gifford, medical attendance R. K. Hodge,	6 00
“ City of Boston, board of Ann Scott,	9 25
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	\$282 43

RELIEF OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for George O. Orcutt, Abington,	\$13 50
“ Sarah Cornwell, Bridgewater,	24 00
“ Martha Farnum, Methuen,	83 50
“ Charles Leach, North Bridgewater,	10 00
“ James Kemp, Jr., Westford,	49 50
“ Abigail Fadden, West Bridgewater,	68 45
“ Lucinda Bancroft, Canton,	32 50
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	\$281 45

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid G. A. Burrell, for lodging and board 268 travellers,	\$121 55
“ William W. Warren, Jr., for lodging and board 27 travellers,	10 80
“ Ralph Houghton, coffin for Joseph Young,	15 00

Paid Ralph Houghton, coffin for Joseph Paul,	\$15 00
“ “ “ “ John Kelley,	9 00
“ for relief and fares of sundry paupers,	34 50
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	\$205 85

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

Paid for Jeremiah Shields' board,	\$5 85
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FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, attending 103 funerals,	\$103 00
“ John Long, use of horse and care of hearse,	152 50
“ Jonathan S. Belcher, attending 14 funerals,	35 00
“ Eugene Snell “ 4 “	10 00
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	\$300 50

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons, as per account returned to the State,	\$5,297 70
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see report of Engi- neers),	\$2,701 87
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ABATEMENTS ON TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, Collector of Taxes for 1871,	\$658 06
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Town Auditors for 1871,	\$10 00
“ Engineers for services to May 1, 1871,	117 50
“ Edson M. Roel, Collector of Taxes,	285 47
“ Nathaniel Howard, services as School Committee, including use of horse and carriage,	193 54
“ Jacob Whitcomb, services as School Committee, including use of horse and carriage,	168 00
“ Solomon L. White, services as School Committee,	93 00
“ J. White Belcher, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	350 00
“ Horatio B. Alden, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	350 00
“ John Underhay, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	325 00
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	\$1,892 51

DIVISION OF THE TOWN.

Paid B. W. Harris, services as counsel and cash paid,	\$700 00
“ W. E. Jewell, services as counsel,	300 00
“ Sundry persons, services and expenses,	3,590 17
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	\$4,590 17

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Pratt & Hasty, printing 1,500 Town Reports,	\$187 00
“ “ “ “ advertising, etc.,	71 63

Paid J. N. Fernald, printing by-laws, warrants, etc.,	\$47 50
“ Wales French, interest on Bigelow note,	45 00
“ Free Public Library (as per vote of town),	451 47
“ Thomas Groom & Co., blank books and stationery,	66 80
“ H. C. Alden, copying town valuation of 1868 and 1870,	50 00
“ Sundry bills, repairs, printing, express, labor,	92 05
“ William Cambell, painting and repairs on hearse,	63 05
“ Ralph Houghton, repairs,	7 62
“ John G. Poole, postage,	10 43
“ E. Merchant, printing road notices, war- rants, etc.,	156 75
“ E. Mann, wood for Selectmen's room and cutting,	11 00
“ William H. Warren, services as Constable,	40 00
“ For services as special police, July 3 and 4,	44 00
“ E. Beal, surveying and cash paid,	29 00
“ John Long, teams on town business,	30 70
“ Rockwell & Churchill, printing voting lists and notices,	32 50
“ A. J. Morton, copies of Corporation stocks,	5 00
“ Norfolk Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	110 75
“ Quincy “ “ “ “	45 00
“ Weymouth & Braintree “ “	89 40
“ People's Co., of Worcester,	57 00
“ Eugene Snell, teams on town business,	14 25
“ Winslow Alden and others, labor and material, for Selectmen's room,	14 50
“ Charles Estabrook, entertainment of County Commissioners and town officers,	51 55
“ for distributing town reports,	5 00
“ Sundry persons, for repairs on lockup,	13 30

Paid Royal W. Turner, coal for the same,	\$20 08
“ Superior Court, approving By-Laws,	5 30
“ Estabrook’s Express, and cash paid,	12 75
“ Gove’s Express,	19 40
“ John F. Kilton, legal services,	2 00
“ Luther Briggs & Co., surveying and plans, and cash paid,	35 00
“ Selectmen, expenses and cash paid on town business, new roads, settlement of paupers, examining records of mort- gaged property,	67 40
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	\$2,004 18

The undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the financial year ending March 1st, 1872, have attended to the duty assigned them, and report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly kept and with proper vouchers.

ROYAL W. TURNER,
RICHARD STEVENS,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,

Auditors.

RANDOLPH, March 14, 1872.

ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Appraisal of Stock, Furniture, Provisions, etc., March 1,
1872.

1 horse,	\$200 00
2 cows,	80 00
18 hens,	9 00
5 tons hay,	125 00
1 horse-cart,	75 00
1 farm wagon,	75 00
Harnesses,	30 00
1 wheelbarrow,	3 00
1 grindstone,	10 00
4 scythes and snaths,	4 00
5 rakes,	1 00
7 hay and manure forks,	5 00
7 shovels and 1 spade,	6 00
2 plows,	6 00
1 cultivator,	7 00
1 iron bar and 1 pick,	2 50
1 saw-horse,	75
5 hoes,	1 25
2 axes, hatchet and bill-hook,	4 00
1 churn,	2 00
1 boiler,	6 00
40 bushel potatoes,	24 00
11 lbs. pounds hard soap,	1 00
8 lbs. coffee,	2 00
4 " chocolate,	2 00
8 " tea,	6 00
20 gallons molasses,	8 00
18 iron bedsteads,	100 00
4 army blankets,	2 00
16 navy blankets,	14 00
12 blue mixed, blankets,	8 00
7 colored bedspreads,	7 00

7 feather beds,	\$56 00
13 under beds,	21 00
21 single sheets,	10 00
17 double sheets,	8 50
28 pillow-cases,	12 00
18 feather pillows,	12 00
11 towels,	1 00
Table-cloths,	6 50
6 wooden trunks,	3 00
3 dining tables,	15 00
6 light stands,	4 00
60 chairs,	30 00
1 ash barrel, sifter, hod and shovel,	4 00
1 cooking-stove and furniture,	42 00
6 flatirons,	2 25
1 hammer,	75
1 wood saw,	1 25
Steelyards,	1 50
Crockery ware,	40 00
Wooden ware,	24 00
Tin ware,	12 00
2 cords wood,	10 00
4 tons coal,	40 00
250 pounds pork,	20 00
25 " beef,	2 00
40 " lard,	4 00
10 " butter,	3 50
9 lamps,	4 50
40 flour barrels,	6 00

\$1,341 97

Names of persons supported in the Almshouse, during the year, ending March 1, 1872.

*Ebenezer Holbrook,	‡ Ebenezer Holbrook,
Jonathan Mann,	Patrick Kiley,
Ebenezer Thayer,	† Anna Estelle Bagley,
Polly Copeland,	Ellen Kennedy,
Eunice Delano,	† Willie Jones,
*Sarah Crane,	† Nellie Jones,
Betsy M. Eddy,	Peter Reardon,
† Mary Mullins,	Keilah H. Kennedy,
† Timothy Mullins,	Willie Veazie,
† John Mullins,	Mary F. Veazie,
† Sarah M. Jones,	George Veazie,
† Samuel Linfield,	‡ Thomas Stevens,
† Ebenezer Brewer,	Charles Jones.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1872.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town: —

For schools,	\$7,500 00
“ repairs, furniture and incidental expenses,	550 00
“ highways,	2,500 00
“ new roads (ordered by County Commissioners),	1,000 00
“ general town expenses,	10,000 00
“ reduction of town debt,	3,000 00
“ fire department,	1,500 00
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	\$26,050 00

The Selectmen report that a new guide-post has been erected during the past year at the junction of High and Canton streets. The several places at which guide-posts were

* Dead.

† Discharged.

‡ Refunded.

previously erected and maintained, remain the same as last year. (See General Statutes, Chapter 45.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,
HORATIO B. ALDEN,

Selectmen of Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March 1, 1872.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

The Stetson School Fund of ten thousand and six hundred dollars (\$10,600) remains invested in the following Banks, viz. :—

10 shares	Elliot National Bank,	Boston,	(par)	\$1,000
10	“ Webster,	“	“	1,000
10	“ Hide and Leather	“	“	1,000
10	“ Shoe and Leather	“	“	1,000
10	“ Exchange	“	“	1,000
10	“ Boylston	“	“	1,000
10	“ Tremont	“	“	1,000
20	“ Old Boston,	“	“	1,000
13	“ Shawmut	“	“	1,300
13	“ Randolph	“ Randolph,	“	1,300
				\$10,600

The cash balance as shown in annexed account of receipts and expenditures is one hundred thirty dollars and nineteen cents ($\$130\frac{19}{100}$). The income from the Hall has been about two hundred dollars (\$200) less than for the preceding year; and the investments in Bank Stock have been subjected, for the first time, to a tax of one hundred eighty dollars and seventeen cents ($\$180\frac{17}{100}$), the Statutes of 1871 imposing the same. The trustees have petitioned the Legislature that this sum may be refunded, with a reasonable prospect of success.

The school year of 1871 and 1872 opened on the 4th of April last. The daily attendance of pupils through the year was a small fraction over 50. The average number belonging to the school during the year was 52.33. The average attendance of the whole number of pupils belonging to the school for the year was a fraction more than 95 per cent.

The several classes, it is believed, have made commendable proficiency in their various studies. The examination exercises, on the 7th inst., are referred to with great satisfaction, the graduating class numbering 14, and being the largest class graduated for many years.

There are essential changes regarded as highly important to be made in the school, such as the introduction of new branches of study, etc., necessitating the employment of a competent female assistant, which the trustees are desirous of inaugurating. This cannot be done, without an additional appropriation by the town, which it is believed will be made with the greatest cheerfulness. So long as the Stetson School is made to answer the requirements of a High School, nothing can be fairer than that the town should pay its proportion of the additional expense. It is, therefore, most respectfully urged that the town for the ensuing year make an appropriation of five hundred dollars. This sum, in addition to the income of the Stetson School Fund, will enable the trustees to effect such changes and improvements in the school as will make it eminently practical and satisfactory as a High School, at which our girls may be properly educated without abridging the advantages of the boys, as provided for by the "honored donor" of the Fund.

As it regards the question of one or two daily sessions, the trustees have determined for the future to adopt the two session plan, believing such to be for the general interest of the school, as well as for the physical improvements of its pupils.

The ensuing school year will commence on Tuesday, Apr.

2, at 9 o'clock A. M., at which time candidates for admission are requested to offer themselves for examination.

SIDNEY FRENCH,

E. A. ALLEN,

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

SETH TURNER, *Secretary.*

RANDOLPH, March 14, 1872.

The subscribers have this day examined the account of the trustees of the Stetson School Fund, in conformity with the terms of the donation, and certify that they find the Bank Stock as stated, amounting to ten thousand and six hundred dollars (\$10,600), and a cash balance of one hundred thirty and nineteen one-hundredths dollars (\$130.19), all in the hands of the Secretary of the Trustees.

J. WHITE BELCHER,

HORATIO B. ALDEN,

Selectmen of Randolph.

RANDOLPH, March 14, 1872.

1871.	To Balance of last year's account.	\$299.40	1871.	By paying	\$27.00
April	Dividend of National Ex'ge Bank, \$60		March	Major Knapp & Co., for Diplomas,	10.00
	" " Shoe & Lea. Nat. " 60		April	John Binney, " Lanterns,	13.50
	" " Boylston " " 60			Luther F. Thayer, " labor,	15.40
	" " Eliot " " 50			V. H. Deane, School Register and Brush,	500.00
	" " Hide & Lea. " " 40		May	Estabrooks' Express,	60.00
	" " Old Boston " " 60		July	V. H. Deane, 4 months' salary,	3.00
	" " Tremont " " 50			" " care of room 1 year,	88.00
	" " Webster " " 40			W. H. Smith, for charcoal,	9.00
	" " Shawmut " " 58.50			R. W. Turner & Co., 9 tons coal,	6.75
Sept.	" " Randolph " " 78 —	556.50		J. L. Brown, bill repairs,	180.17
	Rent of Randolph National Bank 6 months,	75.00	Oct.	Baker & Thayer, "	500.00
	Interest,	14.50		Taxes on Bank Stock,	2.82
Oct.	Dividend of National Ex'ge Bank, \$60		1872.	W. H. Smith, charcoal,	
	" " Beylston National " 60			V. H. Deane, 4 months' salary,	
	" " Shoe & Lea. " 60			R. W. Turner, bill,	
	" " Eliot " " 50		March	Painting bills,	
	" " Hide & Lea. " 40			Howe & French,	\$36.67
	" " Shawmut " 65			T. D. Moors,	95.80
	" " Old Boston " 50			G. C. Platt,	86.70
	" " Tremont " 50			V. H. Deane, 4 months' salary,	219.17
	" " Webster " 40			Trustees and Secretary, for services 1 year,	500.00
	" " Randolph " 117 —	592.00		Balance,	20.00
Dec.	Town appropriations,	300.00			130.19
March	Rent of Randolph National Bank, 6 months,	75.00			
	Insurance refunded,	107.00			
	Cash of sundry parties for the use of the Hall during the year,	272.50			
		\$2,291.90			\$2,291.90

Treasury Notes due State of Massachusetts,	.	\$55,000.00	Value 8 Shares Randolph National Bank Stock,	.	\$1,200.00
" " Randolph National Bank,	.	5,000.00	Balance Tax, 1871,	.	926.01
" " Savings "	.	5,000.00	" Treasurer's Account,	.	5,687.92
" " Patrick McMahon,	.	4,000.00	" State Aid due,	.	8,462.70
" " Lemuel Wentworth,	.	1,600.00	" State Pauper Account,	.	30.00
" " John Fitzgerald,	.	1,000.00	" Due from other Towns,	.	283.95
" " Beulah Hunt,	.	1,000.00	" Due on Note,	.	500.00
" " Ebenezer Moulton,	.	900.00	Balance,	.	59,909.42
" " P. E. Wilbur,	.	500.00			
" " George H. Nichols,	.	200.00			
" " Anna Thayer,	.	300.00	Liabilities reduced during the year	.	\$77,000.00
" " Washington Thayer,	.	500.00			\$7,464.54
" " Samuel S. Mann,	.	1,800.00			
" " Estimated Interest due,	.	200.00			
		<u>\$77,000.00</u>			

FIRE DEPARTMENT.



TO THE SELECTMEN OF RANDOLPH: —

GENTLEMEN, — The Engineers of the Fire Department of Randolph respectfully submit the following report. The expenses of the department have been as follows:—

AQUARIUS No. 1.

For the year ending May 1, 1871.

Paid 50 men, services one year, at \$7.00 each,	\$350 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1872.

Paid John King, steward's bill,	\$3 75
“ L. Hollis, “ “	19 20
“ 42 men's services at Z. P. Jordan's, fire in woods,	26 25
	\$399 20

INDEPENDENCE No. 2.

For the year ending May 1, 1871.

Paid 50 men's services, one year, at \$7.00 each,	\$350 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1872.

Paid R. McGrane, steward's bill,	\$8 75
“ “ “ “	3 00
“ Eugene O'Reiley, “ “	9 25

Paid J. Meaney, steward's bill,	\$6 75
“ Eugene O'Reiley, “ “	2 50
“ “ “ “ “	13 00
“ 49 men, 2 hours' work, at fire on Warren st., at 25 cts.,	24 50
“ 42 men, 1 hour's work, at fire on West st., at 25 cts.,	10 50
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	\$428 25

FEARLESS NO. 3.

For the year ending May 1, 1871.

Paid 32 men's services, one year, at \$7.00 each,	\$224 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1872.

Paid E. L. Payne, steward's bill,	\$5 00
“ “ “ “ “	3 75
“ 36 men, 2 hours' work, at fire on Warren st., at 25 cts.,	18 00
“ E. L. Payne, steward's bill,	7 25
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	\$258 00

RELIEF NO. 4.

For the year ending May 1, 1871.

Paid 36 men's services, one year, at \$7.00 each,	\$252 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1872.

Paid E. Whitcomb, steward's bill,	\$6 00
“ “ labor,	2 75
“ “ steward's bill,	6 00
“ 24 men, 2 hours' work, at fire on South st., at 25 cts.,	12 00
“ 15 men, 3 1-2 hours' work, at fire on Franklin st., at 25 cts.,	10 50
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	\$289 25

FIRE-KING No. 5.

For the year ending May 1, 1871.

Paid 50 men's services, one year, at \$7.00 each,	\$350 00
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For the year ending March 1, 1872.

Paid G. A. Burrell, steward's bill,	\$14 25
“ L. White, “ “	12 00
“ “ “ “	10 00
“ G. A. Burrell, “ “	9 50
“ 50 men, 2 hours' work, at fire on Warren st., at 25 cts.,	25 00
“ 50 men, 1-2 hour's work, at fire on West st., at 25 cts.,	6 25
“ L. White, steward's bill,	4 50
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	\$431 50

PIONEER HOOK AND LADDER No. 1.

For the Year ending May 1, 1871.

Paid 20 men's services, one year, at \$7.00 each,	\$140 01
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For the Year ending March 1, 1872.

Paid G. A. Burrill, steward's bill,	\$2 50
“ “ “ “ “	7 25
“ 14 men, 2 hours' work, at fire on Warren street, at 25 cts.,	7 00
“ 16 men, 1-2 hour's work, at fire on Warren street, at 25 cts.,	2 00
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	\$158 75

HOSE.

Paid for Hose for Aquarius,	\$323 20
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INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Pratt & Hasty, advertising Engineer's notice,	\$1 25
“ R. C. Taylor, 4 gals. neat foot oil,	8 00
“ G. A. Tolman, expenses filling reservoir,	10 00
“ J. Clark, rent of land Fearless engine-house,	10 00
“ Hunneman & Co., repairs on Aquarius engine,	24 75
“ J. L. Brown, painting Independence house,	57 01
“ J. T. Southworth, & Co., supplies,	2 02
“ H. R. Mockler, varnishing engines,	27 50
“ E. A. Perry, labor,	6 50
“ Geo. W. Abbott, expressing,	4 15
“ S. Mann, rent of land for Independence house,	8 00
“ T. Fardy, labor,	1 90
“ E. E. Lothrop, expenses for Relief engine,	24 75
“ “ “ wood for Fire-King and Independence,	10 50
“ A. H. Stark, painting signs, etc.,	26 68
“ Bradford & Crocker, repairs on Relief,	1 75
“ R. T. Mann, wood for the Fearless,	3 75
“ F. Porter, supplies,	4 92
“ J. T. Southworth & Co., supplies Aquarius,	1 55
“ Hunnemann & Co., repairs,	152 01
“ W. Campbell, “ on Ind. No. 2,	3 50
“ R. W. Turner & Co., supplies,	21 33
“ Baker & Thayer, “	1 90
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	\$413 72

RECAPITULATION.

Aquarius, No. 1,	\$399 20
Independence, No. 2,	428 25
Fearless, No. 3,	258 00
Relief, No. 4,	289 25
Fire-King, No. 5,	431 50
Pioneer Hook and Ladder Co.,	158 75
Hose,	323 20
Incidental,	413 72
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Whole amount,	\$2,701 87

During the past year the Department has been called out as follows :—

April, 1871.—Fire on South Main Street. Residence of E. Beal, damage light, and insured. Engines present, Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire-King and Independence,

October, 1871.—Fire on South Street, known as the Otis Thayer Place. House burned, insured. Engine present, Relief.

December, 1871.—Fire on Warren Street. House owned by Mrs. Donahue. Damaged badly, insured. Engines present, Pioneer Hook and Ladder, Fire-King, Independence and Fearless.

December, 1871.—Fire on West Street. House owned by Edmund Eddy. Damaged light. Engines present, Independence, Fire-King and Pioneer Hook and Ladder.

January, 1872.—Fire on Franklin Street. Union Store Building, insured. Engine present, Relief.

The division of the Town caused the withdrawal of the Aquarius and Relief engines, leaving in the Department three engines and one hook and ladder carriage, for the ex-

penses of which the ensuing year the engineers would recommend the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be raised.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. WARREN,

LEVI WILBUR,

E. E. LOTHROP,

Engineers of Fire Department.

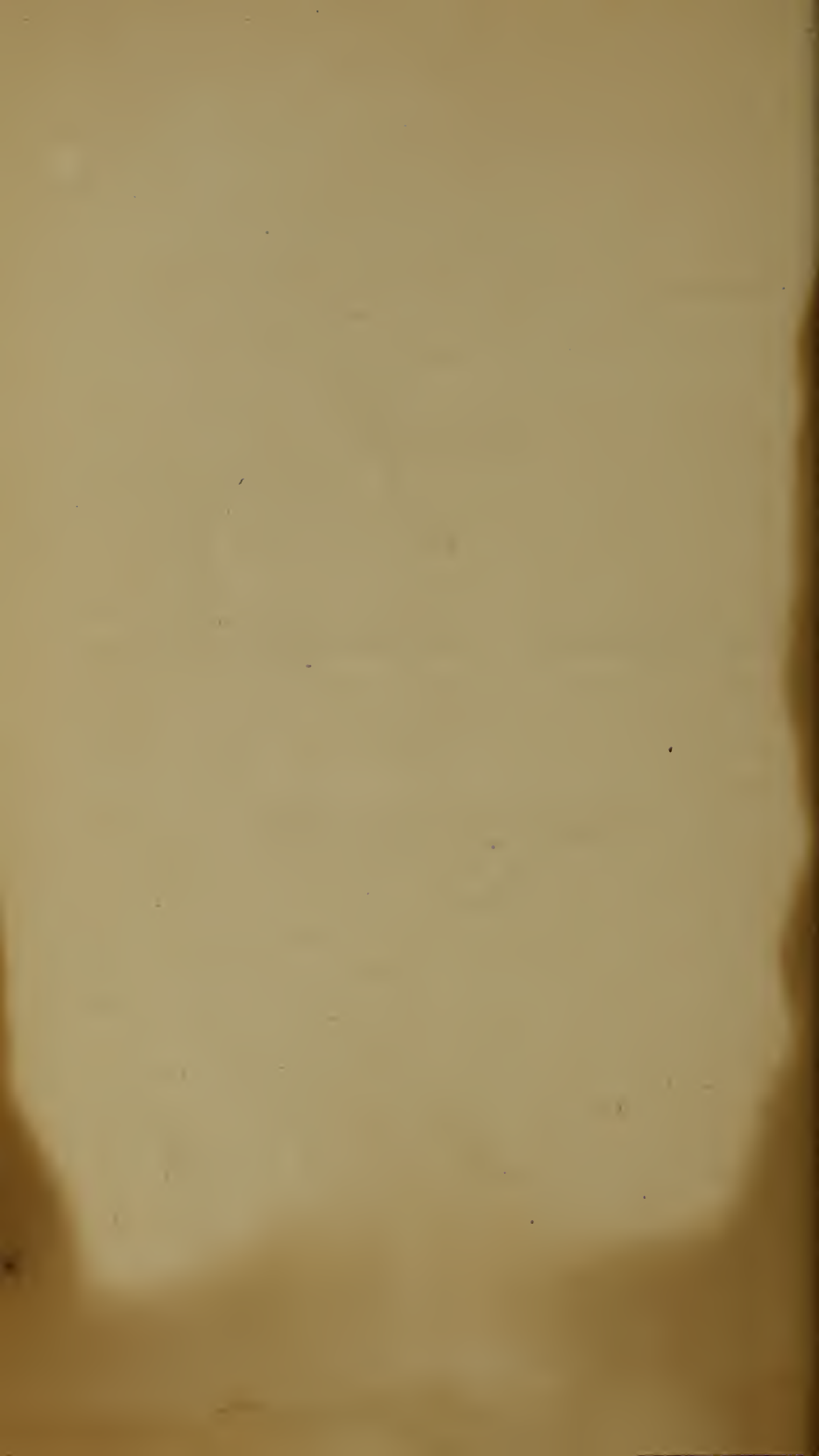
REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

TOWN OF RANDOLPH.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The close of the school year reminds us of the requirement of the statute, and we submit the following report :—

Our object will not be so much to present arguments to show the enlightened people of the town of Randolph the necessity and importance of maintaining our public schools at any cost, as to impress upon them the idea that they require and demand more of their sympathy, attention and co-operation. In regard to the value and importance of our educational system, we would call your attention to the words of our newly-elected Worthy Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth, in his first annual message before the legislative assembly :—

“ The standing and character of a community are determined in no small degree by its school privileges. Happily, in this Commonwealth, the supreme importance of education was early understood. Our common-school system is a thing to contemplate with pride, and uphold by steady hopefulness. That was a grand idea, the rendering it possible for every child in the State to receive a free education ; and no investment of our revenues has ever proved more profitable than that made in common schools. We cannot too carefully watch these schools, cannot too earnestly labor for their improvement. The future growth and prosperity of the Commonwealth are dependent upon them ; if they are suffered to languish, the State will inevitably retrograde ; if they are kept in a thriving condition, the State will just as inevitably

advance to new conquests. There is not that universal interest in the schools and school system that ought to obtain. If we are to have model schools in town it will be because the people make them so. They will neither come of themselves nor through the efforts of two or three individuals. Good teachers and good methods of instruction are requisite to the end in view, but these agencies can accomplish nothing more than partial results if the practical interest of the people themselves is wanting."

We adopt these sentiments as expressive of our own views, and they are just what we would urge upon the consideration of the people of Randolph. If you *are* interested in the education of your children, then resolve that you will this year visit the schools from time to time during each term of the "school year;" and in this way cheer the scholars by your presence and countenance, and encourage the teacher, who, if faithful, is doing a benevolent work and deserves your sympathy and co-operation.

Of the qualifications of teachers we have but little to say. The committee for the last year have waived formal examinations, and chosen for us the better way of proving the teachers in the work-room. We have seen somewhere something like this. One who has noticed repeatedly the sham and farce which is sometimes made of examining teachers for our common schools, declares that simply asking the question, "Do you love children?" would be a far better test of their fitness to teach, than does the ordinary system of examination.

In speaking of the condition of our schools, your committee would like to particularize, and give a brief statement respecting each school in each department, but feeling this to be a delicate matter, the modesty of the writer must be his apology for failure or neglect to do so.

Of the general character and condition of our schools, we are happy to speak in hopeful terms. We think that we can see

much improvement and much to commend in the progress that has been made in every direction, and would make special mention of a greater regard for the property of the town invested in school buildings, which the committee esteem a good omen, tending to a higher standard of order and decorum.

Of the instruction, discipline and progress of our High and Grammar Schools, your committee can say much that is encouraging, although the High and one of the Grammar Schools has been subjected to a change of teachers; yet they have all made commendable progress, and for the most part, in our own judgment, will compare favorably with those of other towns of like resources in the Commonwealth.

Of the Intermediate and Mixed Schools, we can also say they, too, have been doing well; they have, with one or two exceptions, been under the instruction of the same teachers as the year previous, and some of them have made rapid progress, and are worthy to be mentioned among our very best schools. We wish to make particular mention of some of our Mixed Schools in the outer districts or wards of the town, but must be content by saying that the people who live in these localities can appreciate the benefit they have received through the agency of faithful, *earnest* working teachers.

Of the ten Primary Schools in town, we are proud to say that a part of them are in most excellent condition, some having the faithful labors of veterans in the service, while others are trained under younger leaders, not less efficient. We have much to be solicitous for, and very much to hope for, in these nurseries of our educational system.

We cannot leave this part of our subject without an allusion to an impression gained during our brief experience that there is something wrong about this High School matter. We fear that too many of the pupils who enter the High School are poorly qualified to do so.

From a school report of a neighboring town, we quote the

following, which we think may apply essentially to more than one locality : —

“One grand trouble arises from the fact that the scholars who enter our High Schools do not remain in them through the whole course ; about twenty-five per cent. leaving each year, so that not more than one quarter of those admitted remain to graduate at the end of the course. Nearly all of those who leave in one, two, or three years, receive but little benefit from the study of the languages, beyond that of disciplining the mind, which benefit could far better be secured by studying those branches which would be of practical use to them. These scholars leave school, and commence their life-work of labor, in most cases, bad spellers, poor readers, with a very limited knowledge of the branches taught in our Grammar Schools. They are hardly advanced in arithmetic enough to transact the ordinary business of life ; but few of them can write the English language correctly ; with geography and history they have but slight acquaintance ; and as to book-keeping and drawing they are entirely ignorant. How much better it would be for all these to spend their allotted time in school on these and other English branches, and give no attention to the languages. But these three-fourths are not all the sufferers by the course pursued ; the other fourth, who do graduate, many of whom desire to become teachers in our schools, are found to be deficient in those branches which they would be required to teach in our Grammar and Intermediate Schools.

Of the text-books in our schools, the committee have made no change, except to introduce a single work called the Manual of Commerce, designed to furnish matter for oral instruction, and object lessons, as also a text-book for classes in the higher grades of schools. One copy of this work is furnished each teacher, requiring of them to make such use of it as in their judgment may prove the most profitable.

In former reports more or less has been said of the detri-

ment to the schools by absences, truancy, and other hindrances to the work of the teacher and advancement of the scholar, all of which evils your present committee are aware do still exist to some extent; and the only remedy worth the name is that herein recommended, viz., let all the people feel, express and act as though they had a responsibility in the matter, and we shall see a better state of things.

In regard to care of and respect for school-rooms and school property there has been a marked change for the better within the past two years. Many of the houses and out-buildings were in a deplorable condition; it seemed to be the delight of some scholars to deface and injure all such property without the least idea that they were doing that which was particularly wrong or injurious to their own good name or the interests of those who had so kindly provided these accommodations for their use and benefit.

The school bills for the past year are paid, and although we may have exceeded our allotted appropriation to a small extent, we think the citizens of the town will agree with the committee in saying that we have not expended their money without an equivalent. We have done more in the way of repairs than we designed to do; but it is often the case, as we all find in our own affairs, when we begin to make improvements the bills exceed our estimate. What we have done in part may be mentioned by saying, that we have furnished a new room in the Prescott House, single desks and chairs in Grammar Department No. 10; completely renovated and furnished the house in North street, also the upper room at Tower Hill; painted five houses instead of three; renewed nearly all the blackboards throughout the town, besides repairs of various character in every house.

The division of the town will not materially change the number of scholars to be provided for west of the "new town line," but your committee would suggest the propriety of uniting Districts No. 1 and 7, by a change of location of the

former house to a point a short distance north of its present site, and establish in that building graded schools, thus leaving the property of the town at No. 7 to be disposed of as the people may determine.

In view of the new and untried state of affairs occasioned by the division, your committee would recommend strict adherence to economy, so far as practicable, in the appropriations which we ask of the town for the continuance of our school interests, and, after a careful estimate of every item of expense, would suggest the absolute need of the sums named in the statement annexed, — estimates based upon the supposition that we sustain the eighteen schools remaining to us, and embraced in our own limits as at present defined.

We trust that the schools will not be permitted to take one step backward, but press forward to greater attainments. Our estimates are designed to cover the expense of forty weeks in the Grammar, thirty-eight weeks in the Intermediate and Ungraded, and thirty-six weeks in the Primary departments for the school year, as we shall have to accommodate ourselves to a changed state of affairs; and, having an eye both to an economical provision for our schools and to increasing their usefulness, we have thought the following plan worth consideration, viz. : —

That the town instruct the committee to employ but *one* male teacher, instructing him to spend several hours per day in each of the Grammar Schools, and the remainder of his time in the other schools of the town; said teacher to have the general care, oversight, direction and superintendence of *two matters*, teaching and discipline in all the schools. This will give us the advantages of a Superintendent of Schools without its cost, and virtually of having a male teacher in and over all our schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS.

For teachers' salaries,	\$6,181 00
“ care of rooms,	375 00
“ fuel,	400 00
“ ordinary and special repairs,	250 00
Incidental,	300 00
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	\$7,506 00
For Stetson High School,	300 00
All of which is respectfully submitted,	

N. HOWARD,

J. WHITCOMB,

S. L. WHITE,

School Committee.

**MARRIAGES RECORDED IN RANDOLPH IN
1871.**

1870.

Dec. 27. James O'Riley and Catharine Mullins, both of Randolph.

1871.

- Jan. 1. Joel Holbrook of Randolph, and Lydia H. Dyer of Braintree.
" " Nathaniel H. Thayer of Randolph, and Harriet F. Harris of Weymouth.
" 2. Hiram Holbrook and Mary F. Thayer, both of Randolph.
" 5. Minot W. Baker and Emma A. Fritts, both of Randolph.
" " Augustus Forrest and Margaret Reynolds, both of Randolph.
" 17. George C. Spear and Sarah M. French, both of Randolph.
Mar. 28. Elmer W. Holmes of North Bridgewater, and Alice E. Odell of Randolph.
" 29. Walter J. Tucker and Mary C. Faunce, both of Randolph.
" " Thomas Fadden and Ladoretta Harris, both of Randolph.
April 6. George H. Hale of Stowe, and Susan J. Hunt of Randolph.
" 9. Benjamin Miller and Carrie M. Miller, both of Randolph.
" 29. Frank H. Tibbetts and Mary J. Thompson, both of Abington.
" 30. Leonard B. Paine and Susie W. Beal, both of Randolph.
May 3. David Burrell of Randolph, and Elizabeth T. Blair of Boston.
" 21. Michael Halpin of Randolph, and Ellen Finley of Canton.
" 28. William D. Mead and Margaret Coffee, both of Randolph.
" 29. Matthew Smith of Abington, and Bridget Horn of Randolph.
" " John Johnston and Elizabeth Dimoore, both of Randolph.
June 10. James F. Brown and Emily J. Gilbert, both of Abington.
" 25. Warren A. Taber of Randolph, and Sarah P. S. Badger of Milton.
July 2. Owen L. Greelish of Randolph, and Maria Kilfoy of Weymouth.
" 12. James N. Parker and Anna W. Paine, both of Randolph.
" 20. Charles Staples and Hannah Turner, both of Randolph.
Aug. 3. Byron W. Loud of Braintree, and Nancy C. M. Winship of Randolph.
" 9. Eben A. Fuller and Emily M. Packard, both of Randolph.
Sept. 16. Charles C. Brooks of Hanover, and Sarah J. Dunham of Abington.
Oct. 1. Daniel W. Niles of North Bridgewater, and Annie M. Greyson of Randolph.
Oct. 7. Robert N. Bennison of North Bridgewater, and Elizabeth Wren of Randolph.

- Oct. 10. George F. French and Abigail F. Miller, both of Randolph.
 " 18. Jason R. Hersey and Rosella Brown, both of Abington.
 " 28. Michael O'Connor of Randolph, and Mary McNamarra of Boston.
 " 29. Charles F. Woodbury of Boston, and Mary T. Cartwright of Randolph.
 " 30. Thomas Farrell and Joanna Fitz Henry, both of Randolph.
 Nov. 7. Herbert R. Drake of Stoughton, and Anna Stevens of Randolph.
 " 8. Ira D. Page and Mary E. Reed, both of Randolph.
 " 14. George W. Wild, Jr., and Lucinda Davis, both of Randolph.
 " 15. Eugene N. Wilbur and Georgie A. Burbank, both of Randolph.
 " 18. Melvin S. Raymond of Weymouth, and Ella F. Jones of Randolph.
 " " Dennis J. Bisbee and Ginerva T. Belcher, both of Randolph.
 " 21. Henry Hollis and Hannah E. Eddy, both of Randolph.
 " " John Fitzgerald of Randolph, and Mary Ward of Boston.
 " 26. William F. McMahon and Hannah Foley, both of Randolph.
 " 28. Charles H. Thayer and Angie L. Bryant, both of Randolph.
 " 29. Henry Hall and Maria Dorr, both of Randolph.
 " " John F. Kennedy and Joanna McGrane, both of Randolph.
 " 30. Robert H. Currie and Elizabeth Kane, both of Randolph.
 Dec. 5. Charles M. Moore of Randolph, and Isabel Shepard, of Cambridge.
 " 6. Elisha Mann, Jr., and Mary J. Alden, both of Randolph.
 " 7. George T. Wild and Betsey B. White, both of Randolph.

DEATHS RECORDED IN RANDOLPH DURING THE YEAR 1871.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease or cause of death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1871.					
Jan. 4	Hope Taylor	60	..	7	Heart Disease.
6	Marcia E. Tucker	53	8	1	Carcinoma.
6	James Grady	74	..	..	Old Age.
9	Eliza J. Adams	35	1	16	Consumption.
9	Margaret Kelly . . . . .	..	..	..	Congestion Lungs.
13	Mary J. Flynn	18	4	27	Consumption.
15	Sarah W. King	82	3	9	Cancer. Thyroid Gland.
19	Agnes Strickland	7	5	2	Pneumonia.
20	Maurice Colbert	55	..	..	Consumption.
21	Benjamin Pratt	84	9	21	Paralysis.
26	Jefferson Belcher	70	7	6	Senile Mortification, Jaundice.
29	Louisa F. Linfield	47	10	19	Apoplexy.
Feb. 1	Theophilus E. Wood	65	7	14	Paralysis.
3	William Barry	53	1	..	Consumption.
4	Eliphaz Sprague	81	9	11	Dropsy.
10	Catharine Dunn . . . . .	..	5	22	Dentition.
12	Patrick Lally	39	11	..	Consumption.
12	Esther Packard	83	10	15	Old Age.
13	Bernard Gill	46	..	..	Phthisis.
14	Susan M. Farnum	28	10	17	Phthisis.
17	John B. Gill	8	..	24	Meningitis.
22	Bradford W. Belcher	36	1	26	Disease of Brain.
25	Michael Donovan . . . . .	..	10	6	Pneumonia.
25	Mary Thayer	78	..	13	Heart Disease.
March 1	— McGrath . . . . .	..	..	..	Stillborn.
8	John Woodman	32	..	..	Phthisis.
14	Maria Belcher	55	..	12	Typhoid Pneumonia.
23	Charles A. Greely	7	5	11	Croup.
24	— Devine . . . . .	..	..	..	Stillborn.
25	Ellen Meany	3	10	17	Scarlatina.
25	Ellen Barry	38	..	..	Consumption.
27	Mary H. Faxon	62	2	5	Consumption.
28	Joseph I. Beyett . . . . .	..	..	7	Infantile.
April 1	Anna Howard	84	6	18	General Dropsy, Paralysis of Heart
5	L. Augusta Tolman	40	1	28	Pyæmia.
5	Martha M. Goding	23	7	..	Consumption.
5	Emma F. Clark	21	1	4	Consumption.
8	John Gill	61	9	8	Heart Dis., Phthisis, and Dropsy.
13	Patrick Kiernan	68	..	..	Congestion of Lungs.
14	Gertrude I. Kiernan	2	2	14	Scarlatina.
14	Anna K. Alden	79	10	..	Pneumonia.
16	Abigail Whitcomb	84	9	6	Old Age.
17	Thomas Mahoney	1	10	7	Croup.
21	Everett C. Packard . . . . .	..	..	10	Infantile.
25	Teresa Morgan	3	3	17	Inflammation of Lungs.
May 1	— Lyons . . . . .	..	..	..	Stillborn.
1	Catharine T. Alden	56	1	24	Consumption.
7	Ann McCarr	103	..	..	Old Age.
8	Ann Kiernan	47	..	..	Phthisis.
9	Edward Kane . . . . .	..	9	..	Scrofula.
10	Joseph Young	57	8	..	Suicide — Hanging.
10	Mary Thayer	68	..	..	Enteritis.
14	Warren Gerald	41	7	3	Congestion of Lungs.
14	Thomas C. Barry	16	4	22	Phthisis.
17	Sarah Tolman	78	8	4	Pneumonia.
25	Julia A. Packard	69	1	..	Pneumonia.
31	Abigail Howard	68	2	29	Consumption.
June 4	Elizabeth White	21	9	21	Amenorrhæa, Consumption.
10	Mary Greenwood	50	2	..	Dropsy.
11	Minnie E. Moulton	5	2	13	Phthisis.
11	Edward Morgan	44	..	..	Accident, Hospital Gangrene.
15	Geneva Holbrook . . . . .	..	3	12	Humor.
20	Joseph Paul	31	..	..	Accidental.

DEATHS. — (Continued.)

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease or cause of death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1871.					
June 25	Tilea Thayer	72	8	18	Old Age.
26	Honora Barry	2	10	20	Meningitis.
27	Julia Sweeney	41	.	.	Pneumonia.
28	Charles E. Lord	1	8	13	Portusis, Dentition, Dysentery.
July 7	Mary E. Dench . . . . .	.	3	11	Cholera Infantum.
12	Ebenezer Thayer	82	9	.	Dysentery.
26	Charles Estabrook	51	9	.	Congestion of Lungs and Brain,
28	Daniel Breenan	83	.	.	Old Age.
31	Lizzie Dooley	3	5	21	Accidental.—Drowned.
Aug. 1	William E. Brown	27	2	20	Consumption.
5	Henry Thayer	68	4	27	"
9	Charles Fox	1	2	.	Invalid from Birth. Symptoms of Hydrocephalus.
9	Margaret A. Green	19	4	27	Sun stroke.
12	James F. Sweeney . . . . .	.	6	14	Cholera Infantum.
13	Minnie L. Thayer . . . . .	.	10	3	Cholera Infantum.
16	Francis S. Burns	1	7	20	Dysentery.
17	Hannah Currier	28	.	.	Consumption.
22	Thomas F. Henry	17	1	10	Epilepsy.
	Albert Moore . . . . .	.	5	8	
	James Goyle . . . . .	.	7	11	Cholera Infantum.
28	Edith Howard . . . . .	.	4	24	Cholera Infantum.
	Joel M. Stetson	62	6	.	Consumption.
Sept. 3	Eveline Whalen . . . . .	.	5	26	Cholera Infantum.
5	Flora B. Whalen . . . . .	.	9	16	Cholera Infantum.
4	Ann E. Dyer	45	1	.	Cholera-Morbus.
6	William H. Willis	35	6	10	Consumption.
8	Mary Curran	58	.	.	Typhoid Fever.
	— Stark . . . . .	.	1	6	Cholera Infantum.
10	Sarah Crane	79	.	.	Old Age.
13	Lucinda Bancroft	42	.	.	Consumption.
16	Mary Cheesman	80	.	2	Old Age.
17	Susan R. Wales	62	3	10	Cholera-Morbus.
19	Lizzie Dumphy . . . . .	.	2	22	Infantile.
22	Edward Donohue	49	.	.	Epileptic Convulsions.
Oct. 2	Calvin May	58	6	12	Rheumatism, and Disease of Heart.
8	Joseph W. Dargan	26	8	5	Consumption.
6	Bridget Quinn	9	.	24	Typhoid Fever,
8	Angie J. Odiorne	26	9	2	Consumption.
3	Susanna Thayer	81	.	.	Paralysis.
18	Michael Kerrigan	48	.	.	Paralysis.
25	James Kerrigan	60	.	.	Consumption.
24	George H. Sweeney	4	7	20	Congestion of Brain.
Nov. 1	Jennie L. Eastman	1	8	6	Membranous Croup.
4	William O. Cook . . . . .	.	.	12	Scrofula.
9	Nathaniel Dean	68	6	.	Dropsy.
16	Charlotte Miller	57	.	.	Typhoid Fever.
16	William Long	40	.	.	Aneurism.
18	Sally White Belcher	75	9	.	Pneumonia.
19	Ebenezer Holbrook	80	6	.	Old Age.
21	George H. Gay	19	2	24	Typhoid Fever.
22	Angeline Thayer	65	3	19	Paralysis.
25	John B. Quinn	34	9	10	Phthisis.
Dec. 2	Dennis Whalen	56	.	.	Cancer.
6	John Halpin	37	.	.	Asthma.
7	David Hodge	77	6	10	Epilepsy.
8	Caleb Gill	21	.	.	Consumption.
11	Sarah E. Smith	27	.	.	Cancer.
14	Amasa Thayer	79	7	.	Insanity, Old Age.
17	Bridget Burns	59	.	.	Consumption.
20	— McGaughey . . . . .	.	.	.	Stillborn.
26	Thomas D. Baltin . . . . .	.	.	10	Convulsions.
28	Mary Linfield	89	6	4	Old Age.
31	Richard Cary	43	.	.	Insanity.

Under 5 years of age	23	Between 20 and 30	10	Between 60 and 70	14	} Total 126
Between 1 and 5	11	" 30 " 40	9	" 70 " 80	10	
" 5 " 10	5	" 40 " 50	13	" 80 " 90	12	
" 10 " 20	5	" 50 " 60	13	Over 100	1	

Table of Diseases, and number died of each Disease se.

Consumption	22	Heart Disease	3
Old Age	10	Cancer	3
Pneumonia	8	Croup	3
Phthisis	7	Insanity	2
Cholera Infantum	8	Dentition	2
Paralysis	5	Scarlatina	2
Infantile	5	Meningitis	2
Typhoid Fever	4	Accidental	2
Congestion Lungs	4	Dysentery	2
Dropsy	4	Cholera-Morbus	2
Still-born	4	Scrofula	2
Epilepsy	4.		

Carcinoma, Inflammation of Lungs, Amenorrhœa, Mortification, Jaundice, Disease of Brain, Pyæmia, Aneurism, Suicide, Enteritis, Humor, Hospital Gangrene, Asthma, Rheumatism, Congestion of Brain, one each. Total, 126.

H. C. ALDEN, *Town Clerk.*